

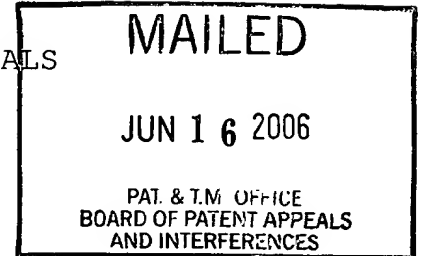
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte MARK E. MOLANDER

Application No. 09/845,537

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 13, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

Upon review of the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 3, 2005, there is no indication that an appeal conference has been conducted. According to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1207.01, when an appeal conference has been held, the appeal conference participants, including the examiner charged with the preparation of the Examiner's Answer, must identify themselves as the conferees, along with placing their initials


next to their name. This procedure has not been completely followed, thus raising the question of whether or not an appeal conference was held.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for taking corrective action regarding the appeal conference, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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